Increase in petro-charged exports

2275. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the growth in the export market is mainly due to petro-charged exports while the traditional sector exports are declining; if so, whether in the wake of this situation, there is a big imbalance between petro-charged exports and traditional sector items; and

(b) the move initiated to set right the imbalance and to improve the traditional oriented products, which are labour intensive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) India's exports have diversified over the years into technology and skill intensive products such as engineering goods, pharmaceuticals, electronic goods, etc. from traditional exports such as tea, coffee, gems and jewellery, textiles, etc. Export of petroleum products has recorded a significant growth in recent years backed by expansion of domestic refining capacity and driven by rising international prices. The diversification of exports is a sign of strength rather than weakness or imbalance. However, to ensure that traditional and labour intensive exports receive a boost, sector specific focus has been in the Foreign Trade Policy to agricultural products, processed foods, marine products, leather, gems and jewellery, toys, sports goods, handicrafts and handlooms.

Increase in trade with Brazil

2276. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether consequent to the visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister with a sizeable delegation of business to Brazil has generated enormous goodwill and environmental ensuring extension of trade;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) when India had been doing $ 6 billion worth of trade and China doing at $ 40 billion, how much increase is expected and within how much time?